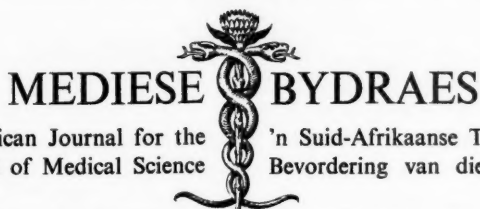


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UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA OPKNAPPINGSKURSUS VIR ALGEMENE PRAKTISYNS

Die Fakulteit Geneeskunde van die Universiteit van Pretoria reël 'n intensiewe opknappingskursus vir Algemene Praktisyne, vanaf 26 Januarie tot 31 Januarie 1959. 'n Minimum aantal inskrywings word verlang alvorens die kursus aangebied word, en voornemende applikante word aangeraai om onmiddellik skriftelik aansoek om toelating te doen met vermelding van die vakke waarin hulle by voorkeur belangstel.

Aansoeke moet gerig word aan die Registrateur, Universiteit van Pretoria, en moet hom voor 10 Desember 1958, bereik.

MEDICAL COUNCIL ELECTION

Twenty-two candidates have been nominated to fill the 10 vacancies for elected members on the Medical Council.

Each of these has been invited to issue a statement in connexion with his candidature.

The statements received, at the time of going to press, appear below.

Medical practitioners are reminded that:

- i. Only one vote can be cast for any one candidate.
- ii. Practitioners may vote for any candidate in any Province provided that not more than 10 votes are cast.
- iii. Not more than 4 medical practitioners may be elected in any one Province from among those ordinarily resident in that Province.
- iv. At least one medical practitioner shall be elected for each Province.

The Editor.

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Black, James
Johannesburg

Degrees: M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.), M.D. (Edin.), F.R.C.O.G.

General Practitioner in Springs, Transvaal, 1911 to 1927. Specialist Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Johannesburg, 1929 to date. Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Witwatersrand, 1939 to 1946. Lecturer on Medical Ethics, University of the Witwatersrand, 1952 to date. Member of the Council of the Southern Transvaal Branch of the Medical Association for about 25 years.

President of the Branch in 1938.

Member of the Federal Council of the Medical Association for about 19 consecutive years till 1957.

Awarded the Association's Bronze Medal in 1953. Associate Founder of the College of Physicians, Surgeons and Gynaecologists of South Africa.

Chairman of the South African Regional Council of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists 1956 to date. Elected Member of the South African Medical and Dental Council since December 1948. During that time he was Chairman of the Specialists

Committee from March 1949 to March 1952 and also a Member of the Medical Council's Executive Committee from March 1952 to date.



Bloom, A.
Durban



Degrees: M.D., M.R.C.P. (Edin.), D.P.H. (Lond.).

Dr. Bloom was born in Grahamstown, C.P. and was educated there. He went on to Edinburgh and graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1911, later proceeded to the M.D. and was given honours for his thesis. He was admitted M.R.C.P. and also obtained the D.P.H. (Lond.).

At the outbreak of the first world war he joined the R.A.M.C., was taken prisoner in the first months of the war but was exchanged and returned to France and was awarded the Military Cross in August 1917.

On demobilization he returned to South Africa at the end of 1919 and started practice in Johannesburg as a physician. He was elected to the Honorary Staff of the General Hospital and made Lecturer in Medicine to the

Witwatersrand University. On his retirement in 1940 he was senior physician to the hospital.

At the end of the last war he settled in Durban and at the request of many senior medical men offered himself for election to the Council.

He was re-elected in 1954. During these two, 5-year periods of membership to the Council he has served on the Executive Committee, which deals mainly with registration, finance and disciplinary and ethical matters. He also serves on the Specialists Committee.

Blumberg, H. J.

Klerksdorp

Degrees: M.B., B.Ch.

My reason for offering myself for election to the S.A. Medical Council, is that I feel that the general practitioner has not in the past been adequately represented, particularly the general practitioner who resides and practises in the country.



In my opinion, the average general practitioner is unfamiliar with the workings of the Medical Council, what it stands for and how it affects him or her. His only knowledge of the Council *may be* that he has to pay an annual fee in order to remain on the Register. Through more representation he will discover the why and wherefore of the Council which governs him.

As one who has been in general practice for some years, who has worked in hospitals and in the Government services, I feel that I have had a good experience of practice which involves an excellent cross section of general practice.

I have also been actively associated with affairs of the S.A. Medical Association ever since qualification.

Through these several points and through the personal experience met with in the different branches affecting the general practitioner, I offer myself for election to the S.A. Medical Council to represent him and his interests.

Braun, L. I. B.

Johannesburg

Degrees and Awards: O.B.E., M.D. (Lond.), F.R.C.P. (Lond.), LL.D. (Hon. Wits.).

Dr. Braun has been an elected member of the S.A. Medical and Dental Council since

1948, serving for two periods. He has served on the Executive of the S.A. Medical and Dental Council since March 1956.

He was a member of Federal Council of the

S.A. Medical Association for 22 years and was Vice-Chairman of this Council for about 3 years.

He was a member of the Augmented Executive Committee of Federal Council during the original negotiations in 1946 with the Transvaal Province on the question of Free Hospitalization. Later he was appointed Chairman of this Committee and continued in that capacity for some years.

In 1952 he was elected President of the S.A. Medical Association and became President of Congress in that year. Whilst holding that office, the University of Witwatersrand bestowed on him an Honorary LL.D.

In 1956 he received the gold medal of the South African Medical Association.



Bremer, J. K.

Pretoria

Degrees: M.B., Ch.B. (Cape Town), F.R.C.S. (Eng.).

Dr. Bremer was born at Cradock, C.P. on 10 October 1912. He went to school at the Hoër Volksskool, Graaff-Reinet and then studied medicine at the University of Cape Town, where he qualified in December 1935. After being house surgeon to Professor Saint and House Physician to Professor Falconer in 1936, he went to England for post-graduate study. He obtained the F.R.C.S. (England) in 1938 and remained another two years to obtain further surgical experience.

He returned to Cape Town in 1940 where

he was in private surgical practice until 1944. Since 1944 he has been in private general surgical practice in Pretoria. During this time he was originally part-time Lecturer in Anatomy, subsequently part-time Lecturer in Surgery and, from 1950-1955, Professor of Surgery at the University of Pretoria. He resigned as professor in 1955, and is now part-time Lecturer in Surgery and part-time Surgeon at the Pretoria General Hospital.

During his period as Professor of Surgery, he was a member of the Pretoria Hospital Board and for two years represented the University of Pretoria on the National Health Council.

Broomberg, A.

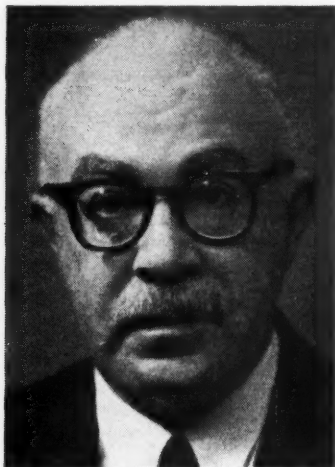
Durban

Degrees: M.B., B.Ch.

Dr. A. Broomberg was born at St. James, Cape Province, in 1905. He received his education in Johannesburg, where he matriculated in 1920. He graduated as M.B., B.Ch. at the University of Witwatersrand in 1927, since which time he has been in general practice in Natal, and in Durban since 1930.

He has served continuously on the Council of the Natal Coastal Branch of the Association since 1945, first as Secretary for 3 years, and then as President in 1951. He was Chairman of the General Practitioners Group of the Branch for several years, is Chairman of the Contract Practice Committee, and has served his Branch on numerous committees in the

capacity of Chairman, e.g. a Committee for the Investigation of the Integration of General Practitioners into Provincial Hospital Services, a Committee for the Investigation of Factory and Industrial Medical Practice. He was a member of the Committee responsible for the establishment and development of the Medical Faculty of the University of Natal, a task in which he was very keenly interested. In 1953



to 1955 he was the Branch nominee on the Provincial Hospitals Advisory Council in Natal.

In 1946 he was Organizing Secretary of the first post-war S.A. Medical Congress, and during 1956-1957 he was Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the great 41st Medical Congress in Durban.

He has been a member of the Federal Council of the Association for the past 12 years and serves on the Central Ethical Committee as well as the Central Committee for Contract Practice. He was a member of committees responsible for the preparation and presentation of evidence before the Natal Hospitals Commission and the Brebner Commission.

In addition to Activities in the Association, he is also a keen and active member of various outside organizations. He is at present Chairman of the Durban Council on Alcoholism, a social problem in the treatment of which he is greatly interested.

In 1957 he was awarded the Association's Bronze Medal for meritorious service.

The vital issues of medical education, hospital services, contract practice and the specialist register have been his intimate concern, because of their importance for the future and the interests of general practice.

Cluver, E. H.

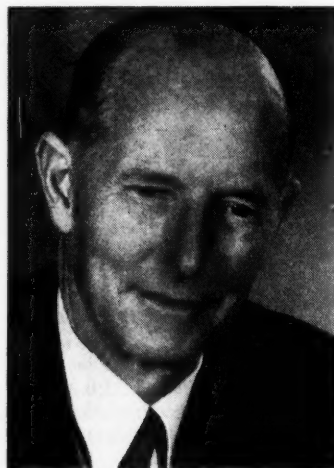
Johannesburg

Degrees: B.A. (Science) University of the Cape of Good Hope; B.A. University of Oxford (First Class Honours in Physiology); M.A., M.B., B.Ch., M.D. (University of Oxford); D.P.H., R.C.P.S. London.

Scholastic: Rhodes Scholar, Hertford College Oxford; Senior Demy, Magdalen College Oxford; Burney Yeo Scholar, Kings College Hospital London.

Past Professional Appointments: Captain S.A.M.C., B.E.F. France, World War I; Professor of Physiology, University of the Witwatersrand; Secretary for Health and Chief Health Officer for the Union of South Africa; Director-General of Medical Services, Union Defence Force.

Present Professional Appointments: Professor of Preventive Medicine, University of the Witwatersrand; Director, S.A. Institute for Medical Research.



Other: Past President of the Southern Transvaal Branch M.A.S.A.; Member of the S.A. Medical and Dental Council—1938 to 1940 as Secretary for Health, since 1944 as elected member; Chairman of the Supplementary Health Services Committee and member of the Medical Education and Conjoint Committees. Member of various Government Commissions and Statutory Councils.

Publications: Many papers in scientific and medical journals; author of, among others, the following books: *Public Health in South Africa* (6th Edition, in the press); *Medical and Health Legislation in the Union of South Africa*; *Recent Medical and Health Legislation*; Joint Author of *Social Medicine*; Joint Editor of the *S.A. Journal of Medical Sciences*; Member of the Editorial Board of the *S.A. Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine*.

Freed, L. F. Johannesburg

Degrees: Hons. B.A., M.A. (Psychology, with distinction) (S.A.), D.Phil. (Sociology) (Pret.), M.B., Ch.B. (St. And.), M.D., D.P.M., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H., F.R.S.S.Af., F.R.A.I., F.S.S., F.R.G.S., is Hon. Lecturer on medical sociology and Lecturer in Dept. of Psychiatry, University of Witwatersrand; was recently invited by Prof. Dr. H. Thomae, Director of the Psychological Institute of the University of Erlangen, Germany, to serve as South African Editor of

Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa for his contributions to social medicine and social psychiatry.

Dr. Freed is the author, *inter alia*, of the following:

- (1) *The Problem of European Prostitution in Johannesburg: A Sociological Survey* (1949), which has been prescribed by the Universities of Pretoria, Witwatersrand, and South Africa.
- (2) *Sex Education in Transvaal Schools* (1937).
- (3) *The Social Aspect of Venereal Disease* (1951).
- (4) *The Philosophy of Sociological Medicine* (1948).
- (5) *The Need for a Division of Criminal Science in the Department of Justice of the Union Government* (1948).
- (6) *Crime*, Chapter in *Social Medicine*, Ed. by Cluver (1951).
- (7) *Findings of an Investigation into a Group of Patients Presenting with the Symptoms of Schizophrenia* (1953).
- (8) *Methodological Approach to the Problem of Mental Disorder* (1956).
- (9) *The Use of Methodological Principles in the Investigation of a Case of Trichomoniasis* (1956).
- (10) *The Psycho-Sociology of Neoplasia* (1958).
- (11) *The Problem of Crime in the Union of South Africa: An Integralistic Approach*. (To be published in 1959).

He has assisted the Union Government and Transvaal Provincial Administration by the submission of memoranda to the Police Enquiry Commission on Native Crime, the Transvaal Provincial Education Commission, the Penal Reform Commission, and the Women's Legal Disability Commission, etc.

He played a part in the establishment of the Medical Faculty at the University of Pretoria; was a Member of the Actions Committee of the National War Memorial Health Foundation and subsequently its Hon. Treasurer; was Chairman of the Johannesburg Branch of the Social Services Association of South Africa; was a Member of the Council of the Southern Transvaal Branch of the S.A. Medical Association; was invited to represent the Union of



Vita Humana: *International Journal for Human Development*, Switzerland; was formerly South African Editor of *The International Journal of Sexology*; was formerly a medical officer at Sterkfontein Hospital, Krugersdorp, and at Tara Hospital, Johannesburg; was Hon. Medical Officer to the Frieda Hartley Shelter, Johannesburg; was made a

South Africa at the International Congress on Trichomoniasis held in Rheims, France, in 1957; has evolved the concept of 'the human continuum' in the philosophy of medicine, and has elaborated the principles of metho-

dology *vis-à-vis* medical and medico-social, and medico-sociological problems.

His biography has been listed in *Who's Who in British Science*, and in *The International Who's Who*.

Grant-Whyte, H.

Durban

Degrees: M.B., Ch.B., B.A. (U.C.T.), F.F.A.R.C.S. (Eng.), D.A. (Lond.).

Born at Upington, Cape Province. Graduated B.A., M.B., Ch.B. (U.C.T.) 1927. After holding resident posts at Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, and Grey's Hospital, Pietermaritzburg, and a period of post-graduate study in England, he settled in Durban in 1930.

General Practice: 13 years.

Specialist Anaesthetist: 16 years—Senior Anaesthetist, Addington Hospital, Durban. Head, Sub-department of Anaesthesia, Durban Medical School. Anaesthetist to the S.A.R. Durban since 1930.

Member Natal Coastal Branch (M.A.S.A.) Branch Council: 14 years.

Chairman of Contract Practice Committee: 10 years.

Convenor Clinical Sub-Committee: 12 years.

Secretary of original committee (N.C.B.) submitting evidence before the National Health Services Commission, on the need for a medical school for non-Europeans in Durban: 1946.

Member Joint Standing Advisory Committee of University of Natal since 1954.

Member of Federal Council since 1946.

Member of Executive of Federal Council: 4 years.

Vice-President of Railway Medical Officers Group: 14 years.

President of the Natal Coast Branch of the Medical Association: 1953.

President of the Medical Association of South Africa and President of the Durban Medical Congress: 1958.



At Dr. Grant-Whyte's suggestion, and with substantial financial help from a visiting lecturers fund, money for which he personally collected, the National General Practitioners Group invited Dr. Ian Grant, President of the College of General Practice, England, to visit various centres in South Africa.

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Dr. Grant-Whyte was vir 13 jaar 'n algemene praktisyn voordat hy gespesialiseer het, dus kan hy al die moeilikhede en struikelblokke daarvan goed begryp.

Radford, A.

Durban

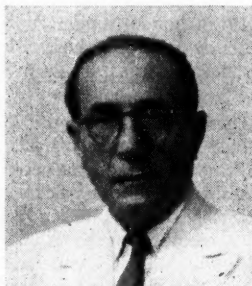
Degrees and Awards: M.P., M.C., M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.), F.R.C.S.

Born in South Africa and educated at Maritzburg College, and Edinburgh, Birmingham and London Universities.

Consulting Surgeon, Addington Hospital; Honorary Surgeon, King George V, Durban. Major, Army Medical Corps (1914-1918). Major, Army Medical Corps (1939-1945). Member Oosthuizen Commission on Pneumoconiosis and Commission on Tuberculosis.

External Examiner in Surgery, Universities of Witwatersrand and Natal.

Examiner in Surgery, College of Surgeons of South Africa.



Honorary Secretary, Natal Coastal Branch, M.A.S.A., for 4 years.

Member of Federal Council for 4 years.

Joint Founder and Life Trustee of Natal Radium and Anti-Cancer Fund.

Member of the South African Medical Council for the past 15 years.

Member of the South African Nursing Council for 2 years.

Member of Parliament for Durban Central.

In active hospital and private practice as a surgeon.

His nomination was signed by the President of the Natal Coastal Branch and the President of the Natal Inland Branch.

Schaffer, R.

Queenstown

Degrees: M.B., B.Ch., M.D.

I have been in general practice since 1924 and have been Railway Medical Officer, Acting District Surgeon and Part-Time Hospital Superintendent.

I was on military service from 1940 to 1946. While on military service I was registered by the S.A. Medical Council as a Specialist Physician, but on demobilization I asked that my name be removed from the Specialist Register so that I could return to general practice.

I have been President of the Queenstown Division of the Medical Association, President of the Border Branch and for the past 12 years a Member of the Federal Council. I have on 3 occasions been elected to the Executive Committee of Federal Council and this year I have the honour to be President of the Medical Association of South Africa.

I have accepted nomination as, in the opinion of some of my colleagues, I will be able to represent their views on Medical Council.

I am a member of the General Practitioners Group of the Association and believe that this Group should not be a pressure group demanding higher fees for its members, but

should do everything possible to improve the standards of general practice by providing opportunities for the professional advancement of the general practitioner.

If elected I will do my best for all members of the medical profession. We are all, no matter what the nature of our practices may be, of equal importance.



Schepers, G. W.

Johannesburg

Degrees: B.Sc. (S.A.), M.B., B.Ch. (W.W. Rand).

Born at Wepener, O.F.S. Matriculated at Marquard, O.F.S. B.Sc. University of the O.F.S. and M.B., B.Ch. University of the W.W. Rand.

Hospital Resident under Professor Craib and Professor Brebner, Johannesburg General Hospital. Senior Resident at Chamber of Mines Hospital, Cottesloe, Johannesburg, for one year.



He has been in active private general practice in Johannesburg for past 12 years.

Part-time Lecturer in Anatomy for the past 7 years. Post-graduate training in Johannes-

burg and also in London under Professor Aird. He was recently awarded the British Bursary for Post-Graduate Clinical Study in the United Kingdom.

He has been a member of the Medical Association since qualification and serves on the Southern Transvaal Branch Executive Committee as its Assistant Honorary Secretary. He is also the Secretary of its Contract Practice Committee and a member of the Final Committee dealing with the Medical Association Medical Services Plan. He is Chairman of the General Practitioners Group, Southern Transvaal Branch and a member of the Executive of the National General Practitioners Group. He is one of the two members in Transvaal who are also members of the British College of General Practitioners in England and is a prime mover for the establishment of a similar College in South Africa. He has made a study of the functions of the College of General Practitioners in England and is a firm believer that such a College here in South Africa will greatly enhance the status of the general practitioners and at the same time will lead to better understanding between specialists and general practitioners.

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Dr. Schepers was agt jaar lank Sekretaris vir die Christo Beyers Mediese Gedenktak te Johannesburg, twee maal die Voorsitter en diens nog op die komitee daarvan. Hy is ook 'n Bestuurslid van die Uitvoerende Komitee van die Geneeskundige Afdeling van die S.A. Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns.

Shapiro, Charles

Cape Town

Degrees: M.B., Ch.B. (Aberd.).

Educated at S.A.C.S. and U.C.T. (B.A. degree 1918). Qualified M.B., Ch.B. (1921) at Aberdeen University. Superintendent of Frere Hospital, East London (1922-1924). In continuous general practice at Mowbray, Cape Penin-

sula, since 1924. Holds Railway Medical appointment since 1925. Member of Honorary Visiting Staff, Rondebosch-Mowbray Hospital since 1926. Member of Federal Council. Member of Branch Council and Chairman of Assessment Committee of the Cape Western

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Shapiro, Maurice
Johannesburg

Degrees: M.B., B.Ch. (W.W.Rand) 1929.

In general practice in Johannesburg since 1931. Medical Director, South African Blood Transfusion Service. Served as elected member of the Medical Council from 1949-1958. Member of Southern Transvaal Branch Council (M.A.S.A.) since 1943; President of the Branch (1950); Member of Federal Council since 1945 and of its Executive Committee 1951-1957; Association's representative on Transvaal Public Hospitals Advisory Council 1948-1958; Awarded Hamilton Maynard Medal in 1951 and the Association's Bronze Medal in 1957; Past-President, Medical Graduate Association.

1. Our Medical Council has a moral duty to treat all medical practitioners as equals. Modern medical practice necessitates specialization in certain fields, but this should not mean that the specialist is entitled to claim as a legal right, higher status. His status as an expert must derive from the esteem of his colleagues. The competent specialist does not require a specialist register. Because of the disturbed relationships resulting from the specialist register I initiated action outside and inside the Council over the last 10 years which led to new rules (at present awaiting promulgation) creating a more satisfactory relationship between specialist and general practitioner.

2. The best interests of the public and the profession are safeguarded by private (competitive) medical practice. The doctor's remuneration should be on a per service basis and in keeping with his professional standing.

Division of S.A.M.A. Represents Cape Western Division on National General Practitioners Group.

He is in active practice and has an intimate knowledge of the various problems which the Council has to consider regarding practitioners. He has particularly devoted himself to the field of general practice and considers it of the utmost importance to the public and the medical profession to present the viewpoint of the general practitioner whenever the occasion arises.

Five years ago he was elected to the Medical Council with the full support of the National General Practitioners Group. He has served on several committees including the Auxiliary Committee and the Committee on the Conditions of Specialist Practice.

Various forms of contract practice are necessary at present but the system of benefit society practice with closed panel appointments is particularly liable to undermine our ethical and economic standards. On my proposal a special *ad hoc* Committee of the Medical Council is at present obtaining the views of the profession about closed panel appointments in relation to medical ethics. To stimulate the profession to positive action in preserving private



medical practice, I persuaded the Medical Association to sponsor a Medical Services (Insurance) Plan which aims to pay practitioners full private fees. I am Chairman of the Steering Committee of this Plan.

3. Auxiliaries are necessary in many medical fields and they must be adequately trained. But this does not require their voluntary or compulsory registration. We must guard against the danger of progressive whittling away of the rights of the medical profession in many fields of medical practice—especially specialist practice—e.g. physical medicine, ophthalmology, psychiatry, clinical pathology.

4. To maintain and improve his standards, every practitioner—be he specialist or general practitioner—requires access to a hospital and opportunities for academic advancement. Recent developments have tended to exclude the G.P. from both spheres to the detriment of the profession and the public. I therefore initiated the formation of a General Practitioners Group in the Medical Association, supported (as a founder) the S.A. College of Physicians and Surgeons and also support the present attempt to establish a College of General Practice. I believe that the Medical Council is in a position to influence national policy in this matter and has a duty to do so.

Sichel, A. W. S.

Cape Town

Degrees: M.D., D.O., D.O.M.S. (R.C.P. & S.).

I have no statement of policy nor election manifesto to submit other than a brief explanation as to why I have allowed my name to go forward for election.

Several colleagues of mine, men of standing in the Medical profession, have suggested to me from time to time that I should stand for election. Candidly I am not so keen to give up more of my time seeing that I am still in active practice, but in view of my long service

in the Medical Association and of the important posts that I have held in my professional life it may be that I can play some part in the activities of the Medical Council. If I can help in any way to protect the rights of the Public, and to promote the interests of the Medical Profession by being a member of the S.A. Medical and Dental Council should I be honoured by being elected, I am keen enough to play my part to the best of my ability.

Tonkin, M. E. L.

Johannesburg

Degrees: M.B., B.Ch.

Dr. Michael E. L. Tonkin graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand in 1940, during which time he was a member of the Students' Medical Council. After serving an internship at the Johannesburg General Hospital, he joined the South African Medical Corps, and served as Medical Officer for 5 years in South Africa, North Africa and Italy. He was awarded 'Wings' by the South African Air Force.

After the war, he served as Deputy Medical Superintendent to the Johannesburg General Hospital for 6 years, and left on promotion to

be Medical Superintendent at the Coronation Hospital in Johannesburg. All this time he was a member of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine of the Witwatersrand University.



After 5 years at Coronation Hospital he was appointed Director of Medical Research to the South African branch of the Schering Corporation.

He has also served in the interests of medicine and its auxiliary branches as Treasurer of the General Hospital Administrators Group of the M.A.S.A., Chairman of the Hope Convalescent Home for Children, Provincial representative on the Hope Training Home, Chairman of the South African Association of Occu-

pational Therapists, and is at present a member of the Press Liaison Committee of the Southern Transvaal Branch of the M.A.S.A.

In 1955 he was awarded a World Health Fellowship to study Health Administration in the United Kingdom, the Scandinavian countries and Switzerland.

He writes: 'Nor being in competitive medical practice, I feel I have the time, experience and ability to devote myself to the affairs of the medical profession in South Africa.'

Turton, E. W.

Boksburg North

Degrees: M.B., Ch.B.

Born in the Cape Province on 26 January 1913. From 1940 I have practised as a general medical practitioner in Boksburg, Transvaal. I am thoroughly bilingual.

For the past 14 years I have been on the Boksburg-Benoni Hospital Staff, as a part-time general practitioner surgeon. I have served on the Board of this Hospital for the past 14 years, and I have been Chairman of the Board for the past 6 years.

I was elected the first President of the East Rand Branch of the Medical Association and have served on this body since its inception as a Branch.



I am Vice-Chairman of Federal Council and also serve on the Transvaal Augmented Executive Committee for Federal Council. I have been a member for the past 11 years. As a

member of the Augmented Executive Committee I have been closely associated with the problems of free hospitalization and I have conducted negotiations with the Transvaal Hospital Department from time to time in connexion with these problems.

After the repeal of free hospitalization I was elected a member of the newly established Hospital Research and Planning Council. This body is responsible for initiating research into hospital services and also advising the Administrator on matters of policy relating to hospitals and health services.

I am also Chairman of the Western Transvaal Railway Officers Group.

I am a member of the Mine Medical Officers Group. I serve on its Executive Committee.

I feel that the knowledge and experience I have gained throughout my years of office in all the above-mentioned bodies may be of some use on the Medical Council, and I therefore offer my services as a candidate for the forthcoming election of the Medical Council.

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Met die wye ondervinding van hospitalisasie en algemene mediese praktyk asook 'n deeglike kennis van georganiseerde mediese dienste in die algemeen, en in die besonder, my ondervinding van kontrak praktyk i.v.m. die verskillende tipe Siekefondse en Mediesebystandfondse voel ek dat ek 'n goeie en deeglike kennis besit, en bied my dienste aan as 'n kandidaat vir die Geneeskundige Raad se aanstaande verkiesing.

Vercueil, L.

Florida

Degrees: B.Sc., M.A., M.D., D.P.H.

Dr. Leon Olivier Vercueil was born at Middelburg, Transvaal, where he matriculated. He then proceeded to Pretoria where he obtained the B.Sc. (Pretoria University, then the Transvaal University College).

After that he went to Cape Town University and did the second year of the Medical curriculum and then left for Trinity College, Dublin, where he obtained the M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. degrees in 1922; the D.P.H. in 1923; the M.D.

in 1924; the L.M. (Rotunda) in 1922 and the M.A. in 1926.

On his return to the Union he practised in Belfast for a few months and then settled in Florida in general practice.

He has been to Europe on several occasions and has done postgraduate work in Dublin, London, Oxford, Liverpool, Vienna and Budapest.

During World War II he served in the Middle East in command of 18 Field Ambulance with rank of Lt.-Col.

On return to civilian life he became Chairman of the West Rand Division and a member of Federal Council, on which he has now served for 14 years. He was President of Southern Transvaal Branch in 1954 and has been Chairman of the Central Committee for Contract Practice and the W.C.A. Sub-Committee for the last 4 years. He is at present Chairman of the West Rand Division (for the ninth time); Chairman of the R.M.O. Group and also Chairman of the Mines Benefit Society, Medical Officers' Group. He has been on the Hospital Board of Discoverers Hospital for 31 years, of which 7 years were as Chairman. He was also superintendent of Discoverers Hospital many years ago and served on the West Rand School Board for 20 years.

His hobby is big game hunting and he has been Chairman of the South African Hunters and Game Conservation Association for many years.



Wagner, P. F. H.

East London

Degrees: M.D., M.A., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Dr. P. F. H. Wagner was unanimously elected by the Border Branch as a nominee to Federal Council for the honour of being Congress President for the East London Congress to be held in September 1959.

At the last Federal Council meeting in Pretoria, again by a unanimous vote, he was elected to the high office of President-Elect for the S.A. Medical Association and Congress President.

He was born in South Africa, and commenced studies at Witwatersrand University. After completing his second year at the University of Cape Town, he proceeded overseas and qualified in Dublin, Ireland, as M.B., B.Ch. in 1923. In 1933 he obtained the M.D., M.A. (T.C.D.).

He settled in Aliwal North, C.P., in 1923, and almost immediately became Honorary Secretary of the Aliwal North Division of the Border Branch of the S.A.M.A. He fought for

the inauguration of the Orange River Branch and, when this was established, became its first President and Federal Council representative. He remained on Federal Council until he settled in East London in general practice in 1933, where he became Honorary Secretary of the Border Branch. After an absence of one year he again became a Member of Federal Council, and later was elected to the Executive Committee of that body.



In 1949 he was elected a member of the S.A. Medical and Dental Council and has served on that body for 10 years now. He resigned from Federal Council in 1950, not being able to

afford the time to attend meetings of both bodies.

He has taken an active interest in the affairs of the general practitioner for the past 35 years and is still actively in general practice.

He was the prime mover in abolishing the separate registration in each Province prior to 1928 and fought tooth and nail for the cancellation of the yearly Provincial tax for medical men. He moved for the abridged Birth Certificate for adoption and helped to fight the Transvaal and Cape Provincial Hospital Ordinances as originally planned by these Provinces. He was on every Committee and Deputation to the various Administrators, and was also one of the prime movers for the establishment of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, having been a Member of the Steering Committee.

On the South African Medical and Dental Council he has guarded the interests of the general practitioners. He was a member of the *Ad Hoc Committee* appointed to draw up the new rules for the scope of specialists. These rules are to be promulgated now. His Memorandum, whilst a Member of the Specialists Committee of the Council, on recognition of work done by the general practitioner towards specialist training is now included in the Standing Orders of the Council.

His Branch has honoured him by electing him as President of the Border Branch on two occasions and has now granted him the highest honour of electing him to the position of Congress President.

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